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Who Shot Larry Flynt?

Victim, Associates See Link to Probe of JFK Assassination

By MIKE THRETENSEN

Larry Flynt and some of his associates believe the sex magazine magnate was gunned down Monday because of his investigation into the John F. Kennedy assassination.

"He's convinced it's an attempt to silence him," said Mark Lane, a writer who has the movie star Jean Flynt assembled to probe both the Kennedy and Martin Luther King killings.

The shooting of Flynt came just two weeks after the West Coast owner of Los Angeles [illegible] some information he [illegible] has received [illegible] advertisements offering $1 million for information leading to a solution of the assassination.

"He was also publishing pornography for years, and nobody ever shot him before," Lane said.

Lane, whose book "Rush to Judgment" was one of the first to raise questions about the validity of the Warren Commission report on the Kennedy assassination, arrived in Georgia Tuesday with two of his investigators to start their own investigation [illegible] shooting.

"They have interviewed witnesses, gone over the ground where the shooting took place and concluded it was a very well-planned effort."

The apparent method of attack — rifle shots fired from an abandoned building with the killer slipping out the back door — is the identical modus operandi [illegible] for the murder of Martin Luther King," Lane said.

Flynt has been intensely interested in the King and Kennedy murders, reading everything he could find on them and running full-page ads Jan. 8 offering money for leads to new information.

"When the responses came in, and there've been hundreds and hundreds of them from all around the country, it became clear there would have to be some way to check out these responses, because some of them seemed to offer very important information," Lane said. Flynt "asked me to set up a team of seven people and I did.

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TERRY MORRIS

Clear[illegible] 'Suspect' Sorry About Hoax

[illegible] held briefly in [illegible] Va., as a suspect [illegible] with Larry Flynt is [illegible] conceded that [illegible] and the $5,000 [illegible] case [illegible] while, Gwinnett County [illegible] ities are [illegible] the mistake.

Tonight

Amtrak Derailment

There were no reported injuries [illegible] derailment.

Meanwhile, in Florida, an official [illegible] Seaboard Coast Line Railroad said Thur[illegible] that bolts were removed from rail[illegible] track connections in locations near [illegible]

Sources Say [illegible] Eaves If He [illegible]

By MARY BOOTH THOMAS
And ANN WOOLNER

The status of Public Safety Commissioner A. Reginald Eaves remained in lir[illegible] Thursday. One source said the situation [illegible] still very fluid now."

According to several people [illegible] knowledge of behind-the-scenes maneuvering of the past few days, Eaves agr[illegible] Tuesday to resign under threats of dismis[illegible] from Mayor Maynard Jackson, but it w[illegible] unclear early Thursday whether Jackso[illegible] had not received a written resignation.

If Jackson does not get that writt[illegible] resignation from Eaves, a dismissal is e[illegible] pected, sources have said.

There are no more negotiations [illegible] tween Jackson and Eaves, a highly know[illegible] reliable source said Wednesday night.

Judge Now Dead But Plea Is Filed

The Los Angeles Times

SALT LAKE CITY — Every story must have its ending.

And so it was that despite the death here last Saturday of U.S. District Judge Willis W. Ritter, his attorney went ahead Wednesday with an effort to clear the old man's name.

In a poignant move, the attorney, Daniel L. Berman, filed with a federal appeals court in Denver a brief in support of Judge Ritter's motion to dismiss an unprecedented effort by the Justice Department to strip him of his judicial power.

The irascible Ritter, the nation's oldest and most controversial chief federal judge, had been accused by the local U.S. attorney of repeated misconduct on the bench, hostility to government lawyers, mismanagement of his court calendar and behaving erratically.

In summary, Justice Department attorneys said the judge had become "a law unto himself" and had asked the appeals court to disqualify him from hearing any cases involving the government.

2 Congressmen Join Protest of Seal Hunt

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For the third consecutive year, a party of environmental activists is headed for Newfoundland to harass commercial hunters during their annual slaughter of baby harp seals.

Ready to join 28 members of the Greenpeace Foundation on the excursion Thursday for the first time were Rep. Leo Ryan, D-Calif., and Rep. James Jeffords, R-Vermont.

Both congressmen have sided with environmentalists in past battles. They have indicated they are joining the Greenpeace mission to raise international ire about the seal kill.

"Congressman Ryan feels the people in Canada felt quite properly that they had a right to speak up about Vietnam, and they did.

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"We had talked about the problems and dangers involved in publishing the special report (in the Free Press) on the Kennedy assassination, and, of course, he just pressed ahead strongly on it," Lane said.

"I think one has to consider the possibility that this new area he's plunged into ... could have resulted in his being shot," Lane said.

Lane is convinced his team has been under FBI surveillance since its inception.

Within the past two weeks, Lane said, a man in Louisville turned over to reporters FBI documents related to the Kennedy assassination.

"There's no question in my mind that if it is an authentic FBI document, it's the single most important document that I've seen in the whole looking at the case," Lane said.

But immediately after the man met with Flynt's people, Lane charged, his home was raided and searched by four FBI agents who held him for five hours and even hauled him before a special federal grand jury.

"They (the agents) told him they knew all about his ties to the Flynt organization," Lane said.

Everything they said indicated that we had been under surveillance, that the federal element of investigation had moved in very openly and brutally in an effort to thwart our investigation," Lane said.

FBI officials in Louisville confirmed that a raid did take place, [illegible] but they said it involved a search for allegedly phony FBI documents supposedly related to the Kennedy assassination.

Benjamin H. Cooke, special agent in charge of the FBI's Louisville office, said agents searched the room of a man who had been released from a federal prison to a local halfway house and found paraphernalia related to the alleged documents [illegible]

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